President.—I said it is a matter of opinion and my ruling should be respected.

Acreage of Reserve Forest.

457. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total acreage of Reserve Forests in the State besides the excluded area and the approximate quantity of fuel that could be usefully removed from the Reserve without detriment to the standing trees;

(b) whether any new area is planted for fuel;

(c) the total area given to planters and the income derived from them per year?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) i. 585 sq. miles or 3,74,400 acres.

ii. About 4 cart loads per acre.

(b) No.

(c) 13,878·10 acres. Rs. 26,752-5-10.

Article in the Mahati Newspaper regarding Anchal service.

458. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether its attention has been drawn to a letter written in the newspaper "മഹതി", dated 22nd Dhanu 1104, page 3 under the heading "കടലാസ്";

(2) if the Government has perused the letter in question, will it be pleased to state whether the grievances mentioned therein are real, and if so, what action has been taken by the Government to remove such grievances;

(3) if the Government has not seen the letter in question, will the Government be good enough to state whether they will peruse the said letter and take such action as they think necessary in the matter without unnecessary delay?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government cannot say that the grievances are real. Representations have, however, been received of delayed deliveries and Government are considering the question of appointing an additional Anchalman for the Southern-Chittur Anchal Office.

(3) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (2) above.

Use of a tank in Olarikkara by Christians.

459. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) (1) whether there was recently any complaint before the Second Class Magistrate of Trichur that a tank used by the Hindus at Olarikkara to the west of the Trichur town was attempted to be used by the Christains of Aranattukara, and

(2) what are the orders of the Magistrate in the matter;

(b) has the Diwan Peishkar submitted any report about this tank; if so, what is it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) (1) Yes.

(2) The petition was recorded.

(b) No report by the Diwan Peishkar.

Stamp Defalcation in the Excise Superintendent's Office.

460. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what orders have been passed by the Government in the matter for which the departmental enquiry referred to in the answer to question No. 16 (c) of Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1103 was conducted?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Orders have not been passed.

Audit report of the Southern Divisional Forest Office.

461. **Mr. C. A. Kujunnni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the audit report of the accounts of the Southern Divisional Forest Office for the 1st quarter of 1103 with the connected report on the accounts of the Office of the Conservator of Forests?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The audit report referred to is still under the consideration of the Government and cannot, therefore, be placed on the Table.

Disposal of the petitions of the late Salt Contractor.

462. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if orders have been passed on the petitions of the late salt contractor Mr. Arunachalam Chettiar referred to in question No. 11 of the Special Session of 1104; if so, what are the orders?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Orders have not been passed.

Repairs to Kottavu Chira.

463. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state if any repairs have been made by the Government during the last 10 years to 'Kottavu' *chira* in Choondal

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